

Application No. 09/973,351

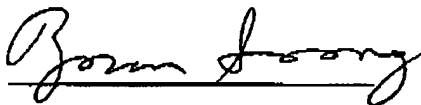
Remarks

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowable subject matter. In accordance with the allowable subject matter, applicants are revising independent claims 1 and 19 and cancelling claims 16, 17, and 20. Applicants are amending the claims solely to expedite prosecution. The rejection under 35 USC 102(b) based on Yu, US Patent 5,240,532 and the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) based on Yu et al., US Patent 6,165,670 are moot. Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required; however, the undersigned Xerox Corporation attorney authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In view of the foregoing, the present application as amended is in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he is hereby requested to call the undersigned attorney at (585) 423-4292, Rochester, NY.

Respectfully submitted,



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